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<i>Application Number</i>	09/671,981
<i>Filing Date</i>	September 28, 2000
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Katrinka Clark
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<i>Examiner Name</i>	Li B. Zhen
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	IDF 1417 (4000-01100)

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 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
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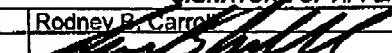
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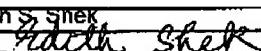
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Signature		Date	12-13-04

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For FY 2005** Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
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2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent 50 25

Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent 200 100

Multiple dependent claims 360 180

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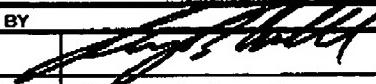
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